Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST)

How to Apply for California Department of Food and Agriculture's 2010 Specialty Crop Grant Program?

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Background Information

- FAAST is a web-based interface system that allows applicants to submit an application electronically.
- FAAST is administered by the State Water Board.
- California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) for it's 2010 Specialty Crop Grant Program solicitation.

Where is FAAST located?

FAAST is located on the State Water Resources Control Board's website at:

https://faast.waterboards.ca.gov

FAAST System Requirements

- Use a PC
- Clear your Internet Cookies, Cache, and Internet History
- Use Internet Explorer v 6.0 or higher
- Disable pop-up blocker

Main FAAST Webpage

- Main webpage includes:
 - Create User Account
 - Logon
 - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Main FAAST Webpage Screen Shot

FAAST Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool

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FAAST has been developed to provide an efficient means for project proponents to apply for the loan and grant funding offered by the Division.

Applicants can sign up for funding notifications, submit financial assistance applications, and monitor the status of their applications.

A valid user account and password are needed to use FAAST. To create an account, please use the Sign Up button on the right.

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If you have any questions or for further assistance, please call State Water Board Staff at:

1-866-434-1083 Monday thru Friday 8:00AM - 5:00PM, or email FAAST_ADMIN@waterboards.ca.gov.

LOG ONTO FAAST							
Username:							
Password :							
Note : Username and Password are case sensitive							
Logon To FAAST							
Forgot your password?							
Retrieve Password							
CREATE APPLICANT ACCOUNT							
Create an Account							
PUBLIC SEARCH TOOL							
Use the Public Search Tool to view and download applications submitted via FAAST.							
Public Search Tool							

Creating an User Account

 To create an User Account, you must complete a 3step process:

Step 1 - User Details;

Step 2 - Organization Details;

Step 3 - Username and Password.

Step 1 – User Details

Enter the user details requested.

Note: It is important that your email address is updated as needed, because this will be the primary means of communicating with you.

Click on the "Next Step" button to proceed to Step
2: Organization Details.

Step 1 - User Details Screen Shot

Welcome to FAAST. Wednesday, April 8, 2009 New to FAAST? Start by signing up. This is a simple three-step process. Please enter your user details in Step 1, your organization details in Step 2, and select your user name and password in Step 3. Enter details and click the "Next Step" button to go to Step 2. Step 1/3: User Details Prefix: Ms. (Mr., Ms., Dr., etc.) First Name: |byang Middle Name: Last Name: Rivera Title: FAAST Coordinator Your title in the organization such as staff, analyst, manager, etc. Phone: 866-434-1083 (Format: 999-999-9999) (Format: 999-999-9999) Fax: This will be the primary means of communicating with your organization. We will send a Email: FAAST_admin@waterboards.ca.gov confirmation email of this account creation to this address. In addition various announcements will be sent to this address. Confirm Email: FAAST_admin@waterboards.ca.gov Next Step

Step 2 – Organization Details

- Search for your organization's by entering any part of the name of the organization and clicking on the "Search" button. A listing of organizations will appear.
 - If the name of your organization is displayed, select the organization name.
 - If your organization is NOT displayed, click the "Enter Organization Details" link, which is located at the bottom of the screen. Enter and save information for your organization.
 - To proceed to Step 3: Username and Password, click the "Next Step" button.

Step 2 – Organization Details Screen Shot

Welcome to FAAST. Wednesday, April 8, 2009 Your organization details may be already entered into FAAST. Please use Did not find your organization in the FAAST database? Enter your the search tool below to see if your organization is already listed in the organization details by clicking on the link below, after the search FAAST database. results. If you find your organization, click on the organization's name to proceed to Step 3. Search for organization Enter any part of the name. For example river will return: Riverside County and American River Protection Committee Search FAAST Previous Step Any changes in the previous screen? Click here ==> Organization Name Division/Branch Address If you did not find the organization in the search results, you may search again by supplying more accurate criteria, or click on the button below to create a new Organization Record. Searched, but did not find the organization in the search results. Create new Organization Record

If you have any questions, please contact us.

Step 3 – Username and Password

Enter a Login Name/User Name and Password for your account.

Note: Username and password are case-sensitive.

- Select a security question and provide correct response.
- To activate your FAAST user account, click on the "Create User Account" button.

Step 3 – Username & Password Screen Shot

Welcome to FAAST. Wednesday, April 8, 2009

Enter your user account name and password.

This screen allows you to select your user name and password to create a user account in FAAST. You will also need to answer one of the questions below that will be asked in case you forget your password and want to get it from FAAST.

Please enter the details and click "Create User Account" to finish the process and start using FAAST.



If you have any questions, please contact us.

Logging onto FAAST System

- On the FAAST main webpage, look for the "Log onto FAAST" heading on the right hand side.
- Enter your username and password and click the "Log onto FAAST" button to enter the FAAST system.

Note: Username and password are both case-sensitive.

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Applicant Menu (Main Menu)

 After logging onto FAAST, the Applicant Menu screen (also known as Main Menu) will appear.

- The Applicant Menu allows you to:
 - Submit a new application;
 - Work on existing application(s);
 - Update user and organization profiles.

Applicant Menu Screen Shot

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Main Menu

The applicant menu allows you to start a new application, work on an existing application, or update your user and/or organization profile. To view or edit an existing application, click on the title of the desired application.

New Application	Other Menu Options
Start a New Application to begin the application submittal process	<u>Update Your User Profile</u> change telephone number, email address, password, etc.
	Request for Update Organization Profile change organization
	information, contact information, etc.
	Previous Requests View previous requests submitted to WaterBoard.

Proposal Title	Phase	Status	Request for Proposal
PIN# 10007 - Enter Project title here	Phase 1	Application In Progress (not submitted)	2010 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program
PIN# 9996 - Enter Project title here	Phase 1	Application In Progress (not submitted)	2010 Expanded Use SRF Program (non-ARRA, non-wastewater, non-water recycling)
PIN# 9995 - New Project to Preserve Beautiful Sunsets	Phase 1	Application In Progress (not submitted)	2010 Expanded Use SRF Program (non-ARRA, non-wastewater, non-

Start A New Application

Please check the box next to each bulleted item below to indicate that you have read and understand the Usage Requirements (limitations) of the Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST). A more detailed explanation of these items can be found at the bottom of this page.

Usage Requirement Item						
Use Microsoft Internet Explorer 6.0 or greater.						
Save your work often. The system times out after 90 minutes.						
Disable pop-up blocking software to operate FAAST.						
Delete all temporary Internet files and cookies to speed up browsing.						
Data fields may or may not have a limitation on the number of characters per field.						

FAAST is an online program designed for Microsoft Internet Explorer 6.0 or greater. Other browsers have been known to cause problems accessing FAAST including, but not limited to: time-out errors, saving progress, attaching files, submitting documents, etc. In addition, pop-up blocking software must be disabled to operate FAAST. If your Internet Explorer browser does not allow you to log on, or downloads slowly, please delete all temporary Internet files and cookies to speed up browsing.

If you are having trouble saving your application, please check to make sure that you have not exceeded the character limitation for any of the text boxes. Text box character limitations are noted next to the text box, with the exception of the Project Title text box.

Please signify your understanding and agreement to the above terms by checking the boxes next to each bulleted item above.

Click to Continue

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Select an Organization

Before you proceed to fill out an application for your project's Request for Proposal (RFP), please indicate the organization that will be responsible as the Lead Applicant for this Project.

- 1. My Organization "Rivera's WQ Firm" will be the Lead Applicant for this Project. Click here to proceed to prepare an application for the Rivera's WQ Firm.
- 2. I am submitting the proposal on behalf of another organization. I would like to search the database of existing organizations or create a new organization. Click here to continue. If you create a new organization, please take the time to enter the Organization's address completely. You will only have one initial opportunity to enter the correct applicant organization details. If you need to further edit the Applicant Organization details, you will need to contact FAAST_Admin@waterboards.ca.gov

Note: If you are a consultant submitting an application on behalf of a client, select option (2).

Note: If you are submitting an application on behalf of your organization, select option (1).

Start A New Application Screen Shot (cont'd)

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This page displays the list of Request for Proposals (RFP) and solicitations currently accepting applications. Select the desired RFP/solicitation from the list below to begin the application process. For details regarding RFPs and Solicitations offered by the Division of Financial Assistance (DFA), please visit the <u>Division of Financial Assistance website</u>.

RFPs/Solicitations Accepting Applications	Applications Due
Agricultural Drainage Loan Programs	1/1/2015 11:59:59 PM
2009 Expanded Use Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program (closed)	3/9/2010 11:59:59 PM
2010 Expanded Use SRF Program (non-ARRA, non-wastewater, non-water recycling)	6/1/2010 11:59:59 PM
2010 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program	2/1/2010 5:00:00 PM

Click Here!

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Confirm the information on this page and then click the "Continue to Application" button".

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This page starts the application process for the "2010 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program." If you would like to apply for the "2010 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program" Request For Proposal using the Applicant and Submitting Organization shown below, click the "Continue to Application" button. The "Continue to Application" button will assign your application a Proposal Identification Number (PIN) and start the application process. The "Back to Main Menu" button will take you back to main menu.

RFP Titles and Organizations

RFP/Solicitation Title: 2010 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program

RFP Description: The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) is conducting a competitive

solicitation process to award 2010 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP) funds for projects that solely enhance the competitiveness of California specialty crops. Specialty crops are defined as fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture and nursery crops (including floriculture). CDFA is soliciting Concept Proposals from eligible non-profit organizations, local, state and federal government entities, for-profit organizations, and

universities.

Applicant Organization: Rivera's WQ Firm Submitting Organization: Rivera's WQ Firm

Back to Main Menu

Continue to Application

Navigating the Application

The Application is organized into sections (or tabs).



 To navigate between sections, click on the labeled tab or click the "Next Section" button.

Note: To access all sections, two things must occur: 1) Project title, Project description, and responsible RWQCB must be entered under the General Information section, and the "2010 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program" must be checked in the Funding Program section.

- Save the information entered by:
 - Clicking on the "Save as Work in Progress" button;
 - Clicking on the "Next Section" button, and;
 - Clicking on a different tab will automatically save your information.



Navigating the Application (cont'd)

90-minute session timer on the Application
 Questionnaire section. Timer resets each time you
 save or change screens.

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Information		<u>Management</u>				Questionnaire			Status		Award
Answer all the o	questions										
Q# Applicatio	n Question										

 Applications can be saved to work on later (as long as it has a status of IN PROGRESS).

7 Application Sections Required

- Application form is comprised of the following sections:
 - General Information
 - Funding Programs
 - Project Management
 - Legislative Information
 - Cooperating Entities
 - Application Questionnaire
 - Application Attachments

Note: Agency Contacts, Review Comments, Application Status, Performance Classification Measures, Post Award are sections that do not need to be accessed or completed for the 2010 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program.

General Information

Enter general project information.

General Funding Project Information Programs Managemen	<u>Legislative Agency Cooperating Application Application Application Status Classif.</u> <u>Legislative Agency Cooperating Application Questionnaire Attachments Comments Status Classif.</u>
RFP Title : Applicant Organization Submitting Organization	
Project Title	Enter PROJECT TILE here. Note: Maximum of 100 Characters. *
Project Description	Enter PROJECT DESCRIPTION here. Note: Maximum of 1000 Characters.
Project Budget	
Funds Requested: \$	100,000
Local Cost Match: \$	50,000
Total Budget: \$	150,000
Project Location	
Latitude	32
Watershed	Enter primary watershed(s) for reporting purposes only.
County	Sacramento
Responsible RWQCB	State Wide * Locate on Map
	*Indicates required information. Save as Work in Progress Next Section

Select "State Wide" for the Responsible RWQCB.

Funding Program

Select "2010 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program" as your funding program".

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The Funding Programs section allows you to view or edit available funding program(s) in the RFP. Select the funding program(s) that you want to apply for by clicking the check boxes under "Apply." If your application has been recommended to proceed to the next phase of the application process, the recommended grant amount will be displayed under "Amount Recommended by SWRCB."

Please complete each section of the application except "Review Comments" and "Application Status." When you move between sections, the system will automatically save the information you have entered. You may also click the "Save as Work in Progress" button to save your information. To preview or submit the completed application, click the "Preview / Submit Application" button.

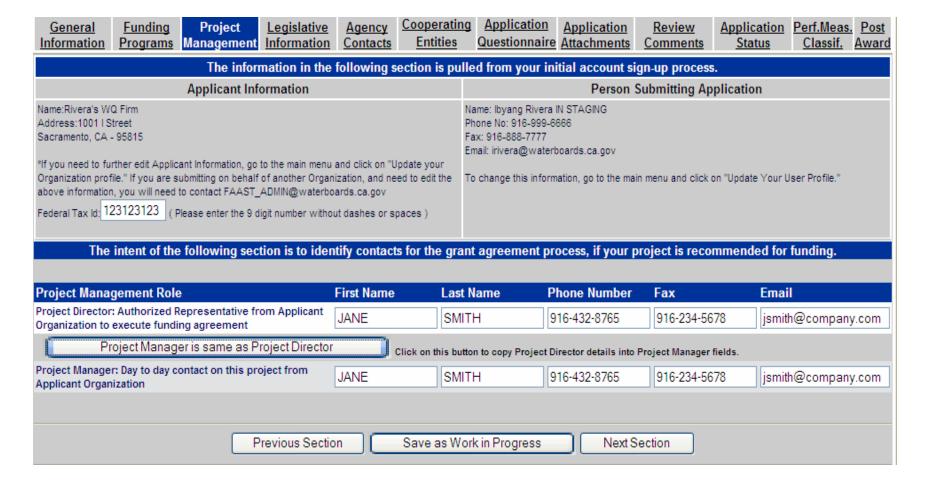
PIN# 10010 - Enter PROJECT TILE here. Note: Maximum of 100 Characters.

General Information	Funding Programs	<u>Project</u> <u>Management</u>	<u>Legislative</u> <u>Information</u>	Agency Contacts	Cooperating Entities	Application Questionnaire	Application Attachments	Review Comments	Application Status	Perf.Meas. Post Classif. Awar
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Funding Prog	ram				Descrip	tion		Gran	t Amount Rang	ge Apply
This is for eligible applicants who wish to receive grant funds from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) Specialty Crop Block Grant Program - Farm Bill. The purpose of the program is to fund projects that solely enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops. Applicants must meet the requirements of 7 CFR part 1291, CDFA's Notice of Funding Availability and all applicable federal and state regulations.						ram - eness of	Not available	Apply?		
		Р	revious Section		Save as Wor	k in Progress	Next S	Section		
				Р	review / Submi	t Application				

To view application, you must check the "APPLY" box.

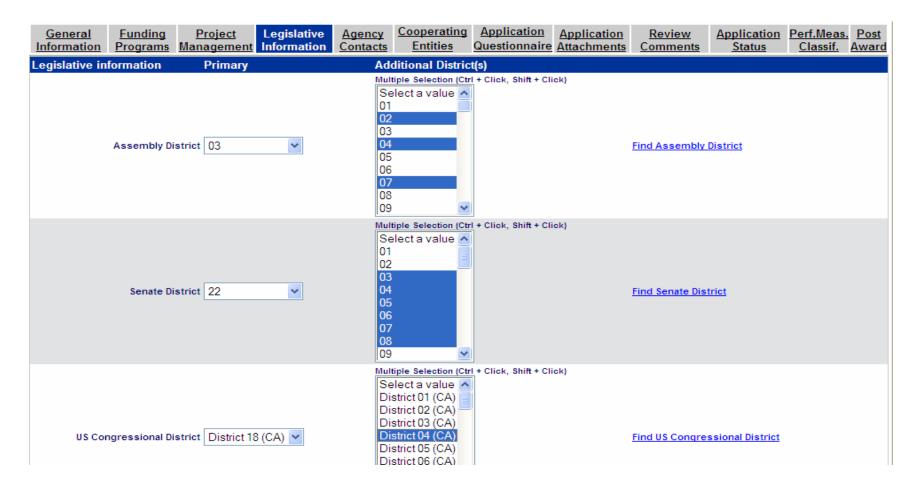
Project Management

Enter information for Project Manager and Project Director.



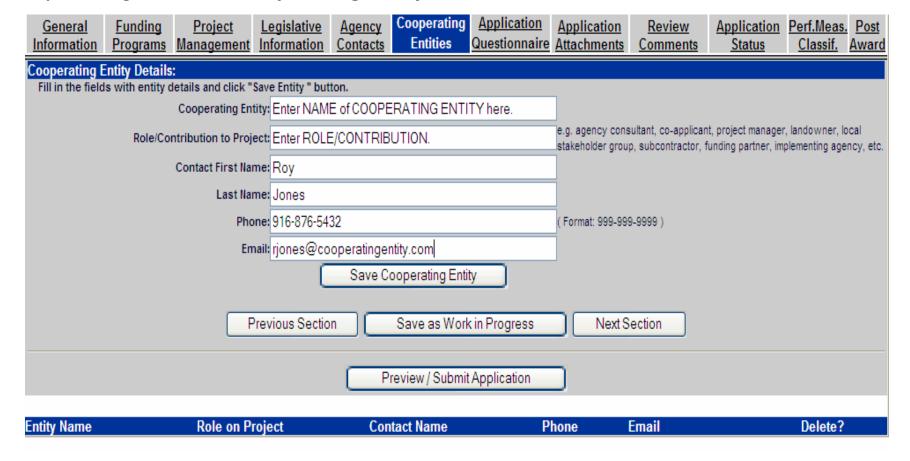
Legislative Information

Enter legislative districts for the project location.



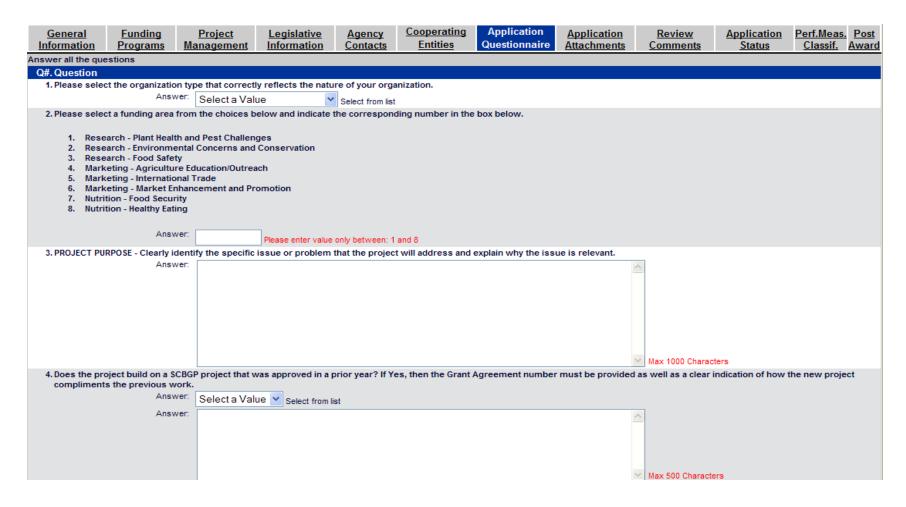
Cooperating Entities

Enter the details for any co-applicants, stakeholders, etc. Save each cooperating entity by clicking the "Save Cooperating Entity" button.



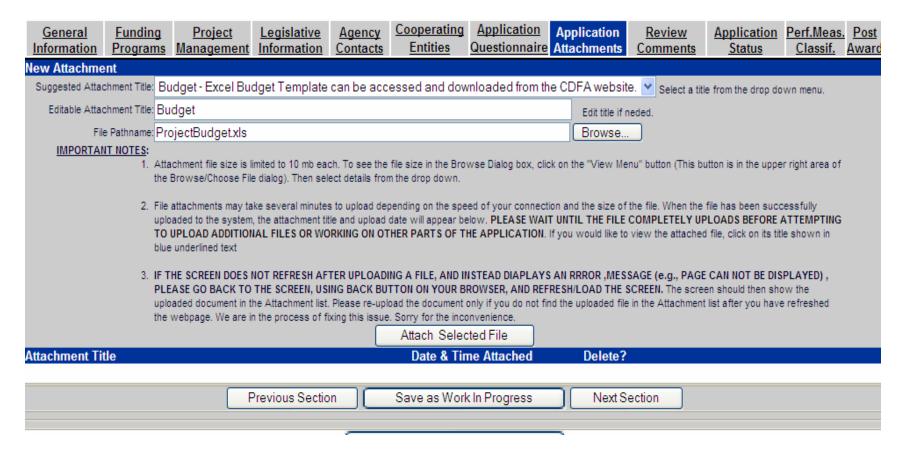
Application Questionnaire

Questions related specifically to the 2010 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program.



Application Attachments

Upload attachments by selecting a suggested attachment title, editing attachment title, and browsing for file. Click the "Attachment Selected"



Preview or Submit Application

 To preview the application, click the "Preview/Submit Application" button.

Note: In order to preview the application, the 2010 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program must be checked in the Funding Program section.

- To submit the completed application:
 - Click the "Preview/Submit Application" button.
 - Review application information.
 - Enter INITIALS (electronic signature)
 - Click the SUBMIT NOW button.
 - Confirmation screen appears.

Technical Assistance for FAAST

- FAAST Help Desk (Mon –Fri, 8 –5pm)
- Phone: 1-866-434-1083—Email: FAAST_admin@waterboards.ca.gov

Note: All emails should include the following subject line: **"CDFA:____".** Emails should include the Proposal Identification Number (PIN) (if it's known).

- User Manual https://faast.waterboards.ca.gov/
- Frequently Asked Questions https://faast.waterboards.ca.gov/



CDFA: Program Related Questions

 All program-related questions should be addressed to the Federal Funds Management Office:

- Phone: 1-916-657-3231

- Email: grants@cdfa.ca.gov



Questions?